# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
# LOK SABHA

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EXPLORATION WORK UNDERTAKEN IN NON CONVENTIONAL GAS FIELDS
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether certain explorations have been made in the non-conventional gas fields in some parts of country during the last four years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State & Union Territory-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether some positive results have been achieved from the activities;

(d) whether the Government propose to undertake explorations in some new non-conventional gas fields areas of the country in future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) &(b):

1. At present, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) is pursuing Research & Development (R&D) activities for Coal Be Methane (CBM) in Jharkhand and West Bengal, as details given below:

(i) Jharkhand

| Year | R&D wells in Prabatpur block |
|---|---|
| 1997-98 | Jharia-1 |
| 1998-99 | Jharia-2 |
| 1999-2000 | Jharia-3 & 4 |
| 2000-2001 | Testing of wells Jharia 2,3 & 4 and re-testing of Jharia-1 |

(ii) West Bengal

Geological field work has been done in western part of North Raniganj during the year 1998-99 and 1999-2000.

2. One block in Raniganj in West Bengal has been awarded to Great Eastern Energy Corporation Ltd.Two slim holes have been drilled by the company for testing for CBM during 1996-97.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d) &(e): Some more blocks in the States of West Bengal, Jharkhand, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh, have been identified and are proposed to be offered through global bidding for exploration and exploitation, after clearance by all the concerned State Governments